MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Statements containing the information asked for by the member are available for perusal in the office of the Secretary to the Council. They are too voluminous to be printed and laid on the table.

Measures against Snake poison in the Neyyattinkara Taluk.

392. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Regarding measures of relief against snake poison in the Neyyattinkara taluk, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what they are;

(*b*) whether they have appointed any grant-in-aid physicians for the purpose who possess any special qualification therefor;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the names of those *vaidyans*, their special qualifications and the places where they are stationed;

(*d*) whether they are aware that, in the pakuties of Ottasekharamangalam and Perunkadavila, death from snake-bite is frequent; and

(*e*) whether the people of those places have complained to them and prayed for necessary aid in the direction?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There are two State—recognised *Visha Vaidyasalas* in the taluk, one at Pachallur and the other at Perunkadavila. The grant-in-aid *vaidyan* in the Neyyattinkara town is also expected to afford relief to patients suffering from snake-bite.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*), this question does not arise.

(*d*) The Government are not aware.

(*e*) A petition was received for the award of grant-in-aid to *Visha Vaidyan* V. Paramesvaran Nayar of Ottasekharamangalam.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With regard to the answer to part (*e*), may I know what action has been taken on the petition?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That has been referred to the Director of Ayurveda and he has reported to say that the applicant is not a qualified hand.

Homeopathic Treatment.

393. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any action on the resolution passed in the Legislative Council in 1103 regarding the encouragement by the Government of the Homeopathic system of treatment, and, if not, the reasons therefor?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

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